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SUBJECT: COOL COMMUNIQUE MARKS END OF YUGOSLAV FONMIN VISIT TO  
BULGARIA

REF: SOFIA 1496

1. COMMUNIQUE ISSUED FOLLOWING NOVEMBER 4-6 VISIT  
YUGOSLAV FONMIN MINIC  
TO BULGARIA INDICATES LITTLE  
PROGRESS MADE IN OVERCOMING BILATERAL DIFFERENCES,  
PRESUMABLY WITH MACEDONIAN ISSUE ONCE MORE RAISED  
BY ONE OR BOTH SIDES.

2. ALTHOUGH EXTENSIVE PREPARATIONS FOR NOVEMBER 7  
MAY BE PARTIAL CAUSE, MINIC VISIT DID NOT RECEIVE  
EXTENSIVE COVERAGE COMPARABLE, FOR EXAMPLE, TO EARLIER  
VISIT OF TURKISH FONMIN AND GENERAL IMPRESSION FROM  
MEDIA COVERAGE IS THAT BULGARS DID NOT EXPECT ANY  
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DRAMATIC SHIFTS TO EMERGE FROM MEETINGS.

3. JOINT COMMUNIQUE DESCRIBES TALKS AS TAKING PLACE IN "FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE IN SPIRIT OF FRANKNESS AND MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING", WHICH EVEN FOR YUGOSLAV-BULGARIAN RELATIONS, IS VERY STRONG FORMULATION. MUCH OF DOCUMENT IS IN FUTURE TENSE WITH EXPRESSIONS OF HOPE TO ACHIEVE PROGRESS AT SOME FUTURE TIME. ON HARD ISSUES, WHICH WE ASSUME TO INCLUDE MACEDONIAN QUESTION, COMMUNIQUE ONLY SAYS THAT BOTH MINISTERS "STATED RESPECTIVE POSITIONS AND VOICED WILLINGNESS TO SEEK ACCEPTABLE SOLUTIONS".

4. YUGOSLAVS APPEAR TO HAVE SCORED A FEW MINOR POINTS INCLUDING REPEATED REFERENCE TO "PRINCIPLES OF SOVEREIGNTY, TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND NON-INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS", AS WELL AS GOB AGREEMENT TO EXPANDED EXCHANGES ALONG BORDER REGIONS WHICH, ACCORDING TO COMMUNIQUE, "SHOULD TAKE ADVANTAGE MORE EFFECTIVELY OF ADVANTAGES OFFERED BY DIRECT HIGH PROXIMITY OF PEOPLES OF BULGARIA AND YUGOSLAVIA".

5. REMAINDER OF DOCUMENT CONTAINS PRETTY STANDARD EXPRESSIONS FOR NEED TO IMPROVE RELATIONS, WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON ECONOMIC COOPERATION.

6. COMMENT: VISIT DOES NOT APPEAR TO HAVE PAVED WAY FOR BULGARIAN-YUGOSLAV SUMMIT WHICH ZHIVKOV IS KNOWN TO SEEK. AS FOR EXPRESSIONS OF WILLINGNESS TO OVERCOME OUTSTANDING PROBLEMS, YUGOSLAV AMBASSADOR HAS NOTED THAT "ALL COMMUNIQUE PAINT A ROSIER PICTURE THAN ACTUALLY EXISTS".

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